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1. Between 16 and 26 January 1951, the <sup>4</sup>VD Kaserne on Viertelweg, Leipzig (N 52/E 21), still quartered 1,000 to 1,200 troops. Source thought that there were not enough motor vehicles in the installation to motorize the unit fully. A convoy of motor vehicles driving at a high speed and at intervals of about 300 meters was seen leaving the installation. [REDACTED]

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2. The Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Heiterblick was still occupied by about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, but some with artillery insignia. The large number of officers wearing tank insignia was noted. Four <sup>43</sup> tanks (sic) and three JS tanks were seen in the garages. Student drivers were trained and did firing and aiming practice at the drill field outside the installation. Intensive infantry training and training in firing were seen. Record firing with rifles and machine guns was also observed. The installation was patrolled by a sentry on each of the four sides, with other guards occupying the watchtower at the drill field. [REDACTED]

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3. The Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was still occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia and some with tank insignia. Two 76-mm AA guns, each with a crew of six and towed by motor vehicle [REDACTED] the first time. \* Drill with two 45-mm AT guns, towed by trucks [REDACTED] About a company of soldiers received infantry combat training and practiced with machine guns at the drill field near the installation, while another unit was seen marching, its soldiers carrying carbines, submachine guns and 12 to 15 machine guns. Soldiers

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were seen at ranging practice with a 1-meter range finder.

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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne still quartered about 300 troops. According to local residents, the ~~Kommandatur~~ for the city of Leipzig was said to be located in the installation. This statement was borne out by the variety of service colors and insignia and the large number of officers seen there.

5. The Train Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse still quartered 300 to 400 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, while some wore black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. The large number of corporals and sergeants in active duty was conspicuous. A corporal who wore black-bordered black epaulets was the gate guard.

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6. Between 15 and 22 January 1951, the number of troops in the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig-Schoonau, could not be determined, nor were army tanks or SP guns seen there. About 150 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen at ~~basin~~ training with carbines and rifles, while small groups of soldiers occasionally practiced with portable radio sets. \*\*\*

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